

# Piscataway Township Schools DEI

"DEI Progress"

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## a. Continue Efforts & Events to Welcome Input From All Stakeholders Regarding DEI

#### **Equity Audit**



- Student feedback
- Family feedback
- Staff feedback
- Ethnic Identity, School Engagement & Disengagement, Belonging, & Classroom Context
- Results will be discussed at summer leadership



### b. Develop & Sustain Successful DEI Committees in All Schools

#### **DEI Committees**



- Established at each school (at least 4 meetings held)
- Principals/AP's serve on each committee
- Consistent agendas/progress across schools
- Main focus: Analyzing LEAP, Accelerated, Honors, AP data
- Continuity into next school year



### c. Ensure That All Curriculum & Educational Opportunities are Available to All Students

#### **Rutgers & Other Partnerships**



- Rutgers Business School Speakers & Student Mentors
- Rutgers School of Engineering NSBE Jr. & Panelists
- Rutgers Diversity, Inclusion, & Community Engagement
- NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities Epic Program
- Jersey Cares Black History Month MS Trivia Activity

#### **Freshman Seminar**



- Curriculum Revisions
- Student Mentor Trainings
- Pway in the Know Videos
- Freshman Field Day

#### **Student Interaction**



- HS/MS Day of Dialogue
- PHS Genders & Sexualities Alliance & Middle School LGBTQ Clubs – Day of Silence
- PHS Muslim Student Association Piscataway Iftar
- PHS Future Business Leaders of America Jr. Achievement

#### Student Interaction (cont.)



- What's Next Event PHS non-college bound learners
- Conackamack Empowerment Club Presentation
- PHS Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly
- HBCU Student Videos
- Black Fraternity Support
- Taje Sharpe Presentation

#### **Family Interaction**



- MS Experience
- Curriculum Nights (K-3 & 4-5)
- College & Career Parent Advisory
- Parent Presentation Haiti's New Year Traditions



#### d. Increase Staff Professional Development to Improve **Culturally Sensitive Communication With Students** as Well as DEI

#### **District Professional Development**



- Connecting w/ All Students King & Arbor
- Connecting w/ All Families King & Arbor
- Connecting w/ Students & Their Identity Conackamack
- Transgender Awareness PHS Custodial Staff
- A DEI Approach to School Counseling K-8 Counseling Staff
- Inclusivity in Shared Spaces K-12 PE/Health Teachers

#### **Out-of-District Presentations**



- DEI for Human Service Professionals Middlesex County Office of Human Services
- DEI in K12 Education Rutgers Equity in Schools course
- Family Engagement Through a DEI Lens (w/ Neel Desai) –
   New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Everyday Equity NJ Association of School Administrators
- Preparing to Work in Education NJ City University

#### Other Responsibilities



- Culture, Climate, & Community Relations Committee
- President's Council
- Monthly District Themes
- NJ Consortia for Excellence Through Equity (UPenn) Workshops for District Leaders



#### Questions



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